#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : **Docket 0074-537932** 

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U.S. Appln. No. 10/569,152 : Examination

International Appln. No. PCT/NZ2004/000188 : Paralegal Diane L. Smith

International Filing Date 18 August 2004 : Confirmation No. 7804

For: A POWERED UNICYCLE

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### RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION, REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT, AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF OFFICE RECORDS

In response to the official communication titled NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE mailed on March 19, 2007, the Applicant submits the following.

The communication mailed on March 19, 2007 states that additional claims fees are due for this application as set forth in the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed on November 3, 2006. That statement is clearly erroneous. The NOTIFICATION mailed on November 3, 2006 does not contain any requirement for additional claims fees. A true and correct copy of the November 3, 2006 NOTIFICATION is enclosed for verification of that assertion (Exhibit A).

Moreover, no additional claims fees would have been due in this case because there are only three (3) independent claims and twenty (20) claims total presented in this application. A true and correct copy of the Preliminary Amendment submitted on February 21, 2006, the date of entry of the US national phase, is enclosed (Exhibit B). It is clear from the Preliminary Amendment that at the time the US national phase of PCT/NZ2004/000188 was entered, the

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application contained only 3 independent claims (Claims 1, 15, and 19) and was amended to contain 20 total claims.

The Filing Receipt for the present application incorrectly identifies the foreign priority application as Czech Republic Application No. 527651 filed August 18, 2003. The correct foreign priority application is New Zealand Application No. 527651. See attached marked up copy of the Filing Receipt.

It is believed that the records of this application and US Application No. 10/569,153 have become mixed up. The Applicant's undersigned attorney performed a review of the PAIR records for the present application and US Application No. 10/569,153. <sup>1</sup> Enclosed is a copy of a DO/EO Worksheet (Exhibit C) reproduced from the PAIR records of US 10/569,153. The international application number indicated on Exhibit C is PCT/IB2004/051460. Also enclosed is a copy of another DO/EO Worksheet (Exhibit D) reproduced from the PAIR records of US 10/569,153. The international application number indicated on Exhibit D is PCT/NZ2004/000188. Further enclosed is a copy of the DO/EO Worksheet for the present application (Exhibit E). The international application number indicated on Exhibit E is also PCT/NZ2004/000188. Exhibits C, D, and E clearly show that there is an error in the Office records for US 10/569,153 because two different international applications should not have the same US application number. Further, a single international application should not have two different US application numbers. The US national phase of PCT/NZ2004/000188 is Application No. 10/569,152, the present application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It appears that Customer No. 00110 has been associated with US 10/569,153 even though the attorneys associated with that customer number do not represent the applicant in that application.

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Also enclosed are copies of two Fee Determination Records (Form PTO-875) (Exhibits F

and G) which were obtained from the PAIR records for US 10/569,153. In Exhibit F, Part 1

shows the as-filed claims including four (4) independent claims and 20 total claims. Part 1 of

Exhibit G shows the as-filed claims including 3 independent claims and 20 total claims. Further

enclosed is a copy of the claims from US 10/569,153 as filed in PCT/IB2004/051460 (Exhibit

H). Exhibit H clearly shows that PCT/IB2004/051460 contained 4 independent claims and 20

total claims when the US national phase of that international application was entered. Therefore,

additional claims fees should have been charged to the applicant in US 10/569,153, not to the

Applicant in US 10/569,152.

In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is believed that the NOTIFICATION

mailed on March 19, 2007 is improper, that the Filing Receipt mailed on March 19, 2007

contains an error, and that the Office records relating to US 10/569,153 contain errors that should

be corrected. Accordingly, the Applicant in the present application requests that the

NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE mailed on March 19, 2007 be withdrawn, that a

notice of acceptance and a corrected filing receipt be issued for Application No. 10/569,152, and

that the errors in the Office records for US 10/569,153 be corrected to remove all reference to

PCT/NZ2004/000188 and Customer No. 00110.

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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/21/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/21/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/21/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 02/21/2006

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

• Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

As a preliminary matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

The Remarks concerning the Preliminary Amendment begin at page 6.

- 1.(original) A powered unicycle including:
  - a wheel driven by a motor;
- a control system arranged to automatically maintain the fore-aft balance of the unicycle via operation of the motor;
- a handlebar, coupled to the wheel by a pillar, which is operable to steer the wheel; and
- a rider-support which supports a rider, and which is pivotally mounted about an axis which is at least approximately vertical in use of the unicycle.
- 2.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 1, wherein the rider-support is pivotally mounted to the pillar by a pivotal connection.
- 3(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 2, wherein the pivotal connection is configured to resiliently urge the rider support toward a central position relative to the wheel.
- 4.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 3, wherein the pivotal connection includes a bush formed from resilient material located about a lower portion of the pillar and a sleeve coupled to the rider-support which surrounds the bush.
- 5.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 2, wherein the pivotal connection includes a spring mechanism arranged to urge the rider-support toward a central position relative to the wheel.
- 6.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 5, wherein the spring mechanism

includes two arms fixed relative to either the pillar or the rider-support and against which springs operate to urge the rider-support toward said central position.

7.(currently amended) A powered unicycle according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the rider-support is a standing platform upon which the rider may stand.

8.(currently amended) A powered unicycle according to any one of claims 1-6 claim 1, wherein the rider-support includes a seat upon which the rider may sit.

9.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 8, wherein the rider-support further includes a foot platform upon which the rider may place their feet while sitting on the seat.

10.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 1, wherein the rider-support is a seat, mounted to the pillar by a seat post, the seat being pivotal upon the seat post.

11.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 1, wherein unicycle includes two rider- supports, each being a foot pad pivotally mounted on a standing platform which is rigidly mounted to the pillar.

12.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 11, wherein the foot pads are biased toward a central position relative to the wheel.

13.(currently amended)A powered unicycle according to any one of the preceding

claims claim 1, wherein the control system has one or more associated sensors arranged to detect whether the pillar and wheel are aligned with the local gravitational and inertial force field.

14.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 13, wherein the control system is arranged to operate the motor to accelerate the wheel when it is detected as behind the field and to decelerate the wheel when it is detected as ahead of the field, to automatically maintain the fore-aft balance of the unicycle.

15.(original) A powered unicycle including:

a wheel driven by a motor;

a control system arranged to automatically maintain the fore-aft balance of the unicycle via operation of the motor;

a handlebar, coupled to the wheel by a pillar, which is operable to steer the wheel; and

a standing platform, upon which a rider may stand, which is pivotally mounted about an axis which is at least approximately vertical in use of the unicycle.

16.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 15, wherein the standing platform is pivotally mounted to the pillar by a pivotal connection.

17.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 16, wherein the pivotal connection is configured to resiliently urge the standing platform toward a central position relative to the wheel.

18.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 16, wherein the pivotal connection includes a spring mechanism arranged to urge the standing platform toward a central position relative to the wheel.

19.(original) A powered unicycle including:

a wheel driven by a motor;

a control system arranged to automatically maintain the fore-aft balance of the unicycle via operation of the motor;

a handlebar, coupled to the wheel by a pillar, which is operable to steer the wheel;

a platform fixed to the pillar; and

two foot pads each pivotally mounted to the platform about an axis which is at least approximately vertical in use of the unicycle, upon which the rider may stand.

20.(original) A powered unicycle according to claim 19, wherein the foot pads are biased toward a central position relative to the wheel.

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#### CLAIMS

1. A method for detecting a watermark in content, comprising the steps of:
utilizing only a subset of candidate counter watermark detection
techniques for each time interval from a set of available counter watermark detection
techniques; and

searching for a watermark utilizing one or more of said subset of candidate counter watermark detection techniques.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein only a second subset of said available counter watermark detection techniques is implemented in a given watermark detector.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein a given watermark detector is provided said subset of available counter watermark detection techniques from a larger pool of available counter watermark detection techniques.
- 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said first and second subsets of said pool of counter watermark detection techniques are the same.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said selected counter watermark detection technique is selected randomly from said first subset of a pool of counter watermark detection techniques.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said steps are repeated until a watermark is detected or all counter watermark detection techniques have been executed.
- 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of disabling content access if a corrupted watermark is detected.
- 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling content access if a valid watermark is detected.

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- 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling content access if no watermark has been found after all available counter watermark detection techniques have been executed.
- 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of restarting said search for a watermark at a beginning of each of said time intervals.
- 11. The method of claim 1, wherein said subset of a pool of counter watermark detection techniques is selected randomly from all available counter watermark detection techniques.
- 12. The method of claim 2, wherein said second subset of a pool of counter watermark detection techniques is selected randomly from the first subset of a pool of counter watermark detection techniques.
- 13. A method for detecting a watermark in content, comprising the steps of:
  randomly selecting a counter watermark detection technique from a set of
  available counter watermark detection techniques; and
  searching for a watermark utilizing said selected counter watermark

detection technique.

- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein only a subset of said available counter watermark detection techniques is implemented in a given watermark detector.
- 15. The method of claim 13, wherein a given watermark detector is provided a subset of available counter watermark detection techniques from a larger pool of available counter watermark detection techniques.

- 16. The method of claim 13, wherein said set of counter watermark detection techniques is selected randomly from all available counter watermark detection techniques.
- 17. The method of claim 14, wherein said subset of counter watermark detection techniques is selected randomly from the set of counter watermark detection techniques.
- 18. The method of claim 13, wherein said steps are repeated until a watermark is detected or all counter watermark detection techniques have been executed.
- 19. A system for detecting a watermark in content, comprising:

  a memory; and

  at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

  utilize only a subset of candidate counter watermark detection techniques for each time interval from a set of available counter watermark detection techniques; and search for a watermark utilizing one or more of said subset of candidate counter watermark detection techniques.
- 20. A system for detecting a watermark in content, comprising the steps of:
  a memory; and
  at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:
  randomly select a counter watermark detection technique from a set of
  available counter watermark detection techniques; and
  search for a watermark utilizing said selected counter watermark detection
  technique.



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